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Draft conclusions proposed by the Chair

1. The Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) noted the progress reports[1] of the Consultative Group of Experts on National Communications from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention (CGE) and the work programme of the CGE for the period 2014–2018.[2] The SBI commended the CGE for developing and implementing its work programme. It also thanked the Parties included in Annex I to the Convention[3] that have made financial contributions for the implementation of the work of the CGE in 2014.

2. The SBI welcomed the progress made by the CGE in implementing its activities, including the following:

(a) The compilation of information in a technical report[4] on problems and constraints, as well as lessons learned and best practices, in the process of and the preparation of national communications and biennial update reports (BURs) by Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention (non-Annex I Parties). The SBI encouraged the CGE to take into consideration the relevant elements identified in that report in the implementation of its work programme, as appropriate;

(b) The organization of two regional training workshops on the preparation of BURs from non-Annex I Parties.[5] The SBI expressed its gratitude to the Governments of Panama and Armenia for hosting the workshops. It encouraged the CGE to make every

[1] FCCC/SBI/2014/17, FCCC/SBI/2014/18, FCCC/SBI/2014/19, FCCC/SBI/2014/INF.15 and FCCC/SBI/2014/INF.16.
[2] FCCC/SBI/2014/17, annex I.
[3] Belgium, Canada, European Union and Japan.
[4] FCCC/SBI/2014/INF.16.
[5] The report on the two workshops is contained in document FCCC/SBI/2014/18.

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effort to conduct the remaining regional training workshop, for the African region, in the first quarter of 2015;

(c) The translation of the supplementary CGE training materials on the preparation of BURs into Arabic, French and Spanish. The SBI requested the secretariat to make arrangements, subject to the availability of financial resources, for the translation of the training materials into the other official United Nations languages in 2015;[6]

(d) The development of the CGE e-learning programme on the preparation of national communications from non-Annex I Parties, which is based on the updated CGE training materials.[7] The SBI encouraged non-Annex I Parties to make use of the e-learning programme and to encourage national experts to participate in the programme.

3. The SBI also welcomed the progress made in the development of the training programme for the team of technical experts undertaking the technical analysis of BURs under the international consultation and analysis process, and extended its appreciation to the experts who engaged in the peer review of the materials for the training programme.[8] It encouraged the CGE to finalize the training materials by the first quarter of 2015.

4. The SBI further welcomed the long-term strategy (2015–2018) of the CGE,[9] which outlines strategies to enhance the provision of technical assistance to non-Annex I Parties in a more effective, adequate and sustainable manner at the regional, subregional and national levels. The SBI noted that the strategy provides a good basis for the CGE to deliver its mandate in a comprehensive manner and encouraged the CGE to take into consideration the relevant elements of the strategy in revising and implementing its work programme.

5. The SBI, recalling decision 20/CP.19, paragraph 2, encouraged Parties to nominate, as early as possible, technical experts with the relevant qualifications to the UNFCCC roster of experts. It also encouraged the CGE to organize, as early as possible in 2015, training for the nominated technical experts, as requested in paragraph 4 of the same decision.

6. The SBI noted the plans of the CGE to initiate the revision of its updated training materials on vulnerability and adaptation assessments during the first half of 2015 and to organize the regional hands-on training workshops on vulnerability and adaptation assessments in the second half of 2015, subject to the availability of financial resources.

7. The SBI urged developed country Parties included in Annex II to the Convention and other developed country Parties in a position to do so to provide financial resources to enable the CGE to implement the activities planned in its work programme. In addition, it invited multilateral programmes and organizations to collaborate with the CGE, as appropriate, in the provision of technical support to non-Annex I Parties for preparing their national communications and BURs.

8. The SBI took note of the estimated budgetary implications of the activities to be undertaken by the CGE, with the assistance of the secretariat, including those referred to in paragraphs 2–6 above.[10]

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[6] The translated materials are available at <http://unfccc.int/7915.php>.

[7] The updated CGE training materials on the preparation of national communications are available at <http://unfccc.int/349.php>.

[8] The report on the workshop on the peer review of the materials for the training of the team of technical experts is contained in document FCCC/SBI/2014/19.

[9] The long-term strategy (2015–2018) of the CGE is contained in document FCCC/SBI/2014/INF.15.

[10] The estimated resource requirements to implement the CGE work programme for 2015–2018 are contained in annex II to document FCCC/SBI/2014/17.

9. It requested that the actions of the secretariat called for in these conclusions be undertaken subject to the availability of financial resources.